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A PERSONAL NOTE;

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

We lost **Tom Monroe**, Mar 29, 70; Tom Monroe was one our most active collectors and dealers and went out of his way to help people. He attended the FOTR Convention many years

The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Including First, second and third Supplements; third supplement just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$67, included postage, for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$57. Supplement 3 is \$20; SUPPLEMENTS 2 and 3 are \$35 and all 3 supplements are \$45. Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it;

Old Radio Times, Mar – Apr; articles about Clara Bow on radio; Boston Blackie; Amos and Andy; Baseball on OTR; Sam Spade; **Radio Recall**, April; articles about Johnny Dollar; Radio Broadcasting in the 1940's in WWII; Gertrude Niesen; Strange Dr. Weird; June; articles about Patience and Prudence; Grace Gibson; Orson Welles; **RCA Newsletter**, Mar; article about Wyllis Cooper and Lights Out; Apr; Review of book, Duffy's Tavern; May; article about Dennis Day; **RLL on the Air**, Spring; articles about Popeye; Lethal and Lurid True Crimes in Radio including Police Reporter, True Detective Mysteries and others; The Casebook of Gregory Hood; Tyrone Power and Burgess Meredith; **Nostalgia Digest**, Spring; articles about Dix Davis; The Great Gildersleeve; Lana Turner; America's Town Meeting of the Air; Kay Thompson; summer; articles about Gwen Davies; Jackie Gleason; The Quiz Kids; Soundies; Gunsmoke; **Illustrated Press**; April; article on depression years on radio; May; articles on Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; more on depression years on radio; June; articles on The dark side of The Whistler; the myths of Inner Sanctum Mystery; Captain Midnight; **The Jack Benny Times**; May – August; much more on Jack including Jack at Carnegie Hall

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 1129, Duncan, OK 73534; 580-252-3547 <benohmart@gmail.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); **Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>

From McFarland

Joan Davis

America's Queen of Film, Radio and Television Comedy

by David C. Tucker

Print ISBN: 978-0-7864-7784-5

Ebook ISBN: 978-1-4766-1502-8

47 photos, notes, bibliography, index

232pp. softcover (7 x 10) 2014

Price: \$39.95

About the Book

The Emmy-nominated star of the classic 1950s sitcom *I Married Joan*, Joan Davis (1912–1961) was also radio's highest paid comedienne in the 1940s—and she displayed her unique brand of knockabout comedy in more than forty films. This book provides a complete account of her career, including a filmography with critical commentary, and the most detailed episode logs ever compiled for her radio and television programs. A biographical chapter offers never-before-published information about her family background, marriage to vaudeville comedian Si Wills and relationships with other men, and her tragic early death.

About the Author

David C. Tucker is the author of numerous books about classic film and television history, including works on Shirley Booth, Eve Arden and Joan Davis. He blogs at www.davidctucker.blogspot.com. A public library administrator, he lives outside Atlanta, Georgia.

Other Book(s) by David C. Tucker Available from McFarland:

The Women Who Made Television Funny; Shirley Booth; Lost Laughs of '50s and '60s Television; Eve Arden

FROM MCFARLAND

From Radio to the Big Screen

Hollywood Films Featuring Broadcast Personalities and Programs

BY Hal Erickson

Print ISBN: 978-0-7864-7757-9

Ebook ISBN: 978-1-4766-1558-5

53 photos, bibliography, index

316pp. softcover (7 x 10) 2014

Price: \$55.00

About the Book

There was a time when "American popular entertainment" referred only to radio and motion pictures. With the coming of talking pictures, Hollywood cashed in on the success of big-time network radio by bringing several of the public's favorite broadcast personalities and programs to the screen. The results, though occasionally successful, often proved conclusively that some things are better heard than seen. Concentrating primarily on radio's Golden Age (1926–1962), this lively history discusses the cinematic efforts of airwave stars Rudy Vallee, Amos 'n' Andy, Fred Allen, Joe Penner, Fibber McGee & Molly, Edgar Bergen, Lum & Abner, and many more. Also analyzed are the movie versions of such radio series as *The Shadow*, *Dr. Christian* and *The Life of Riley*. In addition, two recent films starring

contemporary radio headliners Howard Stern and Garrison Keillor are given their due.

About the Author(s)

Hal Erickson has written several media-related books for McFarland, and was for many years a primary editor of the *All-Movie Guide* web site. He lives and works in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

FROM MCFARLAND

Vic and Sade on the Radio

A Cultural History of Paul Rhymer's Daytime Series, 1932–1944

By John T. Hetherington

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Ebook ISBN: 978-1-4766-1605-6

45 photos, notes, bibliography, index

220pp. softcover (7 x 10) 2014

Price: \$45.00

About the Book

Vic and Sade, an often absurd situation comedy written by the prolific Paul Rhymer, aired on America's radios from 1932 to 1944 (with short-lived revivals afterward). The title characters, known as "radio's home folks," were a married couple exploring the comedic side of ordinary life along with their adopted son and an eccentric uncle. This book examines the program's depiction of many aspects of American culture—leisure activities, community groups, education, films—in light of the critiques put forward by the era's critics such as William Orton. *Vic and Sade* offered its own subtle cultural critique that reflected how ordinary people experienced mass culture of the time.

About the Author(s)

John T. Hetherington is a lecturer in communications at SUNY Empire State College. He lives in Albany, New York.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

9th ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC NOSTALGIA CONVENTION, Sep 18 – 20, 2014. Hunt Valley Wyndham, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

SPERDVAC Convention, NOV 14 – 16, HOLIDAY INN-BURBANK MEDIA CENTER, BURBANK CA; Contact <www.sperdvac.org>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this

address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>; Let me know if any are out of date.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Steve Darnall** <nostalgia Digest> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <http://www.buffalo-otr-club.org/> **Doug Kosmonek** <http://members.shaw.ca/dougosmonek> new e-mail is <dougosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <http://www.bearmanormedia.com> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <http://www.otr.com> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html. (also) http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/;- **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>;-**Old time Radio Researchers Group** http://www.otrr.org;- For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** http://www.otrrlibrary.org;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars,check out **OTRRPedia** located at http://www.otrrpedia.org;- **Peter Tatchell** <laugherlog.com>. **Chuck Schaden** <www.speakingofradio.com>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-641-1342); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gnolib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>

BRC Productions; Second supplement is out; Highlights include most of the Les Paul shows that exist, Grand Central Station and the last 2 weeks of Johnny Dollar; Bob also reminisced about his very nice relationship with Tom Monroe who with Barry Hill introduced us to many BBC programs.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Eddie Lawrence**, Mar 25, 95; actor, singer (Hildegard; New World A'Coming; **Mickey Rooney**, Apr 6, 93; actor, (Hardy Family, Lux, Good News of

1939).; **Mary Anderson**, Apr 6, 96; actress (Lux, The Pendleton Story, Family Theater); **Jerry Vale**, **May 18, 83**; singer (**Peter Lind Hayes show**; **Here's to Veterans**); **Joan Lorrington**, May 30, 88; actress (Lux; Suspense); **Arlene McQuade**, Apr 21, 77; actress (The Goldbergs); **Mona Freeman**, May 23, 87; actress (Family Theater; Suspense); **Ruby Dee**, Jun 11, 91; actress (New World A'Coming'; CBS Radio Workshop); **Martha Hyer**, May 31, 89; actress (Lux); **Casey Kasem**, Jun 15, 82; disc jockey, radio personality (America's Top 40); **Steve Rossi**, Jun 22, 82; singer, comedian (Stars for Defense); **Eli Wallach**, Jun 24, 98; actor (Best Plays; Sounds of Freedom)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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